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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Overview of the Office Action

Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 14-15, and 21-22 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wugofski (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,143).

Claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-13, 16-20, and 23 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wugofski (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,143) in view of Buxton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,469,714).

Status of the Claims/Amendments

Claims 1-23 are pending.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 14-15, and 21-22 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wugofski (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,143). In response—and without conceding the validity or appropriateness of the Examiner's rejections—Applicants have submitted herewith, as Attachment A hereto, a Declaration Swearing Back of Reference Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 with regard to the Wugofski reference. In light of this Declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 14-15, and 21-22 has been traversed, and Applicants request that these claims be allowed to immediately issue.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the Declaration submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiners rejections have been traversed and, accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn and that the claims be allowed to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone conference at (206) 332-1394.

Respectfully submitted,

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**EXHIBIT A**

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